

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, NATO, MBFR

SUBJ: MBFR: EASTERN GROUND FORCE DATA

1. EASTERN DATA TABLED IN INFORMAL SESSION OF  
MARCH 15 SHOWS FOLLOWING PICTURE.

(1) SOVIET	MAJOR	OTHER	TOTAL
FORMATIONS			

FIGURES TABLED BY EAST 344,600 81,700 426,300

NATO ESTIMATES BY  
EASTERN ALLOCATION 486

DIFFERENCE 59,700

EASTERN DATA AS

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PERCENTAGE OF NATO ESTIMATES 87

(2) CSSR

FIGURES TABLED BY EAST 104,700 32,400 137,100

NATO ESTIMATES BY

EASTERN ALLOCATION 138

DIFFERENCE 900

EASTERN DATA AS  
PERCENTAGE OF NATO ESTIMATE 99

(3) POLAND

FIGURES TABLED BY EAST 115,000 33,600 148,600

NATO ESTIMATES BY  
EASTERN ALLOCATION 206

DIFFERENCE 57,400

EASTERN DATA AS  
PERCENTAGE OF NATO ESTIMATE 72

(4) GDR

FIGURES TABLED BY EAST 74,100 18,900 93,000

NATO ESTIMATES BY  
EASTERN ALLOCATION 107

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DIFFERENCE 14,000

EASTERN DATA AS  
PERCENTAGE OF NATO ESTIMATE 87

(5) OVERALL

FIGURES TABLED BY EAST 638,400 166,600 805,000

NATO ESTIMATES BY  
EASTERN ALLOCATION 936

DIFFERENCE 132,000

EASTERN DATA AS  
PERCENTAGE OF NATO ESTIMATE 86

2. AS SHOWN BY THE FIGURES ABOVE, THE FIGURES PRESENTED BY  
THE EAST DID PRESENT A DEFINITE PATTERN OR PROFILE OF  
THE DISCREPANCY, POINTING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE TO A  
DISPROPORTIONATELY LARGE SHORTFALL IN POLISH FORCES. WE  
WILL BE ABLE TO PRESENT A MORE DEFINITE PICTURE AFTER A

PERIOD OF FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS.RESOR

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